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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJ: PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

FOR SPRINGSTEEN

1. ACTION MEMORANDUM WITH S/S NO. 7408412 HAS BEEN REVISED
REPEAT REVISED AND ACTED ON BY THE SECRETARY.

2. PLEASE COORDINATE WITH EAGLEBURGER THAT DATE OF VISIT
IS 24 MAY. WE WILL INFORM SAUDIS OF DATE DURING FORTHCOMING
VISIT. DEPARTMENT SHOULD TAKE NO ACTION ON ANNOUNCEMENT OF FAHD'S
VISIT AND SHOULD NOT INFORM SAUDI EMBASSY AT THIS TIME. WE WILL
ADVISE YOU FURTHER ON THIS AFTER SECRETARY'S STOP IN SAUDI ARABIA.

3. THE SECRETARY HAS APPROVED THE PROPOSED SCENARIO AT TAB A
OF ORIGINAL MEMORANDUM WITH THE COMMENT QUOTE:EXCEPT I WANT
TO HAVE A VERY SMALL GROUP OR HEAD-TO-HEAD WITH FAHD FIRST.
END QUOTE.

4. SECRETARY HAS ALSO APPROVED MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT
AT TAB B OF ORIGINAL MEMO, WHICH HE WISHES SENT BY ACTING
SECRETARY RUSH. THIS MEMORANDUM SHOULD NOW GO FORWARD TO WHITE
HOUSE, APPROPRIATELY MODIFIED TO REFLECT FACT IT IS BEING SENT
OVER ACTING SECRETARY'S SIGNATURE AND WITH MAY 24 DATE INSERTED.

5. FOR THE RECORD, FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF REVISED MEMO TO SECRETARY
AS APPROVED BY HIM:

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6. QUOTE:

TO: THE SECRETARY

THROUGH: P-JOSEPH J. SISCO

FROM: NEA ALFRED L. ATHERTON

PRINCE FAHD'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON

WE EXPECT TO RECEIVE SAUDI ARABIA'S SECOND DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, PRINCE FAHD, IN WASHINGTON AT SOME TIME AFTER MAY 20. GIVEN FAHD'S IMPORTANCE IN THE SAUDI GOVERNING STRUCTURE AND THE FACT THAT HE IS INCREASINGLY ACTING AS THE KINGDOM'S DE FACTO PRIME MINISTER, HE WILL EXPECT AND SHOULD BE ACCORDED THE COURTESIES TENDERED TO A VISITING HEAD OF GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT. IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, HE SHOULD BE INVITED TO STAY AT BLAIR HOUSE DURING THE OFFICIAL PORTION OF HIS VISIT. FAHD STAYED THERE ONCE BEFORE WHEN HE CAME TO WASHINGTON IN OCTOBER 1969 AS THE OFFICIAL GUEST OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE. HE MET WITH THE PRESIDENT ON THAT OCCASION AND AGAIN DURING A PRIVATE VISIT IN SEPTEMBER 1971.

FAHD HAS NOW RESPONDED TO YOUR APRIL 21 LETTER, SAYING HE ACCEPTS WITH PLEASURE YOUR INVITATION AND IS PREPARED TO VISIT WASHINGTON ON ANY DATE YOU PROPOSE AFTER MAY 20. FAHD'S ADVISORS HAVE URGED, AND AMBASSADOR AKINS HAS RECOMMENDED, THAT THE VISIT BE SLIPPED UNTIL JUNE IF POSSIBLE TO GIVE THE SAUDIS TIME TO GET THEMSELVES ORGANIZED. WE ARE IN TOUCH WITH LARRY EAGLEBURGER ABOUT WORKING THE FAHD VISIT INTO THE PRESIDENT'S AND YOUR SCHEDULES WITH A VIEW TO HAVING POSSIBLE DATES TO PROPOSE TO YOUR PRIOR TO YOUR RIYADH STOP.

MEANWHILE THERE IS ONE MATTER ON WHICH WE WOULD LIKE YOUR EARLY APPROVAL. AS A BASIS FOR OUR OWN ADVANCE PLANNING AND THAT OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES (PARTICULARLY TREASURY, COMMERCE, DEFENSE AND THE NSC STAFF) WHO WILL BE INVOLVED IN THE FAHD VISIT, WE HAVE PREPARED THE INITIAL CONCEPT OF A SCENARIO AT TAB A. IT ENVISAGES A VISIT OF TWO WORKING DAYS, TO CONCLUDE WITH A JOINT COMMUNIQUE WHICH WOULD BE A FOLLOW-UP TO OUR APRIL 5 JOINT ANNOUNCEMENT ON SAUDI-US COOPERATION. WE PROPOSE THAT YOUR PARTICIPATION WOULD INVOLVE THE FOLLOWING:

(1) AN OPENING GENERAL MEETING THE FIRST DAY OF 1-1/2-2HOURS.

(2) A MEETING BETWEEN THE PRESIDENT AND FAHD.

(3) A MEETING ON SECURITY MATTERS, PROBABLY ALSO ON THE FIRST DAY. ALTERNATIVELY, THIS COULD BE CHAIRED BY MR. SISCO.

(4) A BRIEF CONCLUDING MEETING ON THE SECOND DAY TO REVIEW THE RESULTS OF THE VISIT AND APPROVE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE.

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(5) LUNCH OR DINNER HOSTED BY YOU FOR 40-60 GUESTS.

(6) POSSIBLE SMALL LUNCH OR DINNER HOSTED BY THE PRESIDENT.

(7) SAUDI EMBASSY RECEPTION.

ONCE WE WILL HAVE ESTABLISHED A SPECIFIC DATE FOR FAHD'S VISIT, WE WILL WANT TO SEND A MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT. ATTACHED AT TAB B IS THE DRAFT OF A MEMORANDUM WHICH WOULD BE SENT BY YOU, OR IN YOUR ABSENCE, THE ACTING SECRETARY REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT TO MEET WITH PRINCE FAHD AND OFFER HIM HOSPITALITY

DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(A) THAT YOU APPROVE THE PROPOSED SCENARIO FOR FAHD'S
VISIT AT TAB A AS A BASIS FOR OUR ADVANCE PLANNING AND FOR OUR
CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES INVOLVED.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

(SECRETARY INITIALLED APPROVE)

(B) THAT YOU APPROVE THE ATTACHED DRAFT MEMORANDUM WHICH
WOULD BE SENT TO THE PRESIDENT ONCE THE DATES FOR FAHD'S VISIT
BECOME FIRM.

APPROVE DISAPPROVE

(SECRETARY INITIALLED APPROVE)

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